

Nyawaygi language

The **Nyawaygi language**, also spelt **Nyawaygi**, **Nywaigi**, or **Nawagi**, is an extinct Australian Aboriginal language that was spoken in northeast Queensland, on the east coast of Australia.

Nyawaygi had the smallest number of consonants, 12, of any Australian language. It had 7 conjugations, 3 open and 4 closed, the latter including monosyllabic roots, and, in this regard, conserved a feature of proto-Pama–Nyungan lost from contiguous languages.^[4]

Notes

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Nyawaygi	
Native to	Australia
Region	Queensland
Ethnicity	Nyawaygi
Extinct	2009, with the death of Willie Seaton ^[1]
Language family	<div>Pama–Nyungan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dyirbalic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nyawaygic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nyawaygi</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nyt
Glottolog	nyaw1247 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nyaw1247) ^[2]
AIATSIS ^[3]	Y129 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/Y129)

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